

# Taking Refuge and Ten Precepts

Ahang phante, sarana-silang yajami.  
Tutiyampi ahang phante, sarana-silang yajami.  
Tatuyampi ahang phante, sarana-silang yajami.

After this request, the acariya will give the Refuges and Precepts, starting with homage to the Triple Gem which *the applicant will repeat after him*.

**Namoh tassa phagavato arahato  
SammassamPutthassa.**

— repeat this verse three times —

The acariya says ‘Yamahamg vatami tang vatehi’.  
*The ordinand responds ‘Ama phante’.*  
The acariya then gives the Refuges and Precepts  
*and the ordinand repeats after him,*  
*verse by verse:*

- 1) **Putthang saranang katchami,  
Thammang saranang katchami,  
Sangkang saranang katchami,**
- 2) **Tutiyampi Putthang saranang katchami,  
Tutiyampi Thammang saranang katchami,  
Tutiyampi Sangkang saranang katchami,**
- 3) **Tatuyampi Putthang saranang katchami,  
Tatuyampi Thammang saranang katchami,  
Tatuyampi Sangkang saranang katchami.**

After going to the Triple Gem, the acariya will say  
‘Tisaranagamanang nitthitang’.  
*The ordinand responds ‘Ama phante’.*  
Now, ordinands become ‘Novices’. They will  
need to practice Ten Precepts. *Novices should  
chant the Ten Precepts after the acariya  
verse by verse, as follows:*

1. **Panatipatah veramani, sikkhapatang samahtiyami.**
2. **Atinnatanah veramani, sikkhapatang samahtiyami.**
3. **Aprahm-ma-cariyah veramani, sikkhapatang samahtiyami.**
4. **Musavatah veramani, sikkhapatang samahtiyami.**

5. Surameraya-majja-pamah-tatthana veramani, sikkhapatang samahtiyami.
6. Vikala-phojanah veramani, sikkhapatang samahtiyami.
7. Najha-gitava-tita-visuka-tassanah veramani, sikkhapatang samahtiyami.
8. Malaghantha-vilepana-tharanamantana-viphu-sanatthanah veramani, sikkhapatang samahtiyami.
9. Uccasayana-mahasayanah veramani, sikkhapatang samahtiyami.
10. Jatarupa-rajata-patikkahanah veramani, sikkhapatang samahtiyami.

Then, the acariya will say:

**Imani tasa-sikkha-patani samahtiyami**

— *repeat this verse 3 times* , then *bow 3 times* —